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SUBJECT: FY75 IV PROGRAM INFORMATION

REF: TOKYO AIRGRAM 145

1. PROGRAM AGENCY (VPS) NOW WORKING OUT SCHEDULE TV JOURNALIST TEAM. IN ORDER ASSURE EFFECTIVE, NON-HACKNEYED PROGRAM, VPS WOULD LIKE FLEXIBILITY IN IMPLEMENTING POST SUGGESTIONS AS PER REFAIR. ORIGINAL SUGGESTIONS CONTAIN TOO MANY LARGE CITIES COVERING EVERY CORNER U.S. THIS NOT PRACTICAL FROM STANDPOINT BOTH COSTS AND ALLOW- ANCE FOR SOME IN-DEPTH PERCEPTIONS. ORDER IN WHICH CITIES LISTED IN REFAIR SEEMS SUGGEST ENDING TOUR ON EAST COAST. DOES TEAM PLAN RETURN JAPAN VIA EUROPE?

2. IF ACCEPTABLE TO TEAM, VPS WOULD LIKE MAKE FOLLOWING MODIFICATIONS:

A. INSTEAD OF MIAMI AND ORLANDO, REPLACE WITH HUNTSVILLE, ALA. AND MEMLHIS, TENN., WHERE SPONSORS WARMLY WELCOME VISITORS AND SAME GENERAL TOPIC CAN BE STUDIED: VIZ., " "AMERICANS; OPINIONS ON 'LABOR AND RECREATION'". (TEAM CAN SEE DISNEYLAND IN L.A. TO COMPENSATE FOR DISNEY WORLD.)

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B. FOREGO SEATTLE AND CHICAGO. INSTEAD, GISIT WICHITA,

KANSAS. THOUGH SMALL CITY, HAS ENTHUSIASTIC SPONSORS,
IS SMALL AIRCRAFT CAPITAL OF U.S. (INCLUDING BOEING PLANT),
AND HAS EXCELLENT URBAN DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM.

3. IN WASHINGTON, WASHINGTON INTERNATIONAL CENTER WILL
COVER AMERICAN URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND SET UP PANEL-
DISCUSSION FORMAT PLUS TOUR. OTHER POST RECOMMENDATIONS
BEING PURSUED.

4. IN ORDER FORGE AHEAD WITH PROGRAM, NEED POST/TV TEAM
CONCURRENCE SOONEST. KISSINGER

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